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AMCONSUL KARACHI

SUBJ: PROPOSED ISLAMIC SUMMIT CONFERENCE

- 1. FOREIGN SECRETARY SHAHI LEFT PAKISTAN DECEMBER 3 FOR WEEK'S VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA, ALGERIA, TUNISIA AND MOROCCO TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS ABOUT ARRANGEMENTS FOR PROPOSED ISLAMIC SUMMIT CONFERENCE.
- 2. EMBOFF INQUIRED FROM MFA DIRECTOR FOR ARAB AFFAIRS AND ISLAMIC SECRETARIAT AMIN DECEMBER 4 ABOUT PROGRESS TO DATE ON PROPOSED CONFERENCE. AMIN SAID THAT RESPONSE FROM ISLAMIC COUNTRIES SO FAR HAD BEEN POSITIVE. HE OBSERVED THAT MOMENTUM TOWARDS MEETING HAD BEEN CREATED AND HE BELIEVED THAT EVEN THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH HAD INITIALLY BEEN LUKEWARM ABOUT SUMMIT WOULD NOW SUPPORT IT AND ATTEND. DATES FOR MEETING WERE STILL NOT AGREED UPON. GOP WAS PROPOSING LAST WEEK IN DECEMBER OR AROUND MIDDLE OF JANUARY IN ORDER TO AVOID CONFLICT WITH HAJ LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHICH FELL ON JANUARY 1-5. KING FEISAL TRADITIONALLY

REMAINS IN SAUDI ARABIA DURING HAJ. FONSEC SHAHI WOULD SEEK TO OBTAIN APPROVAL OF KING FEISAL FOR DATES OF MEETING DURING FORMER'S VISIT TO JIDDA. ACCORDING TO AMIN, PRESIDENT BOUMEDIEME WAS OTHER KEY MUSLIM LEADER FONSEC WOULD CONSULT BEFORE COMPLETING PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONFERENCE.

3. AMIN SAID THAT ISLAMIC SECRETARIAT STAFF WOULD HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUBSTANTIVE ASPECTS OF SUMMIT CONFERENCE. HE OBSERVED THAT CONFERENCE WILL SEVERELY TAX FACILITIES OF GOP AT LAHORE, PROPOSED CONFERENCE SITE, AND EQUALLY TAX CHRONICALLY UNDERSTAFFED MFA. SENIOR PAK DIPLOMAT, FORMER DIRGEN FOR ARAB AFFAIRS, HAD BEEN RECALLED FROM LONDON TO WORK ON CONFERENCE.BYROADE

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